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Office Action Summary

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Examiner
Pedro R. Kanof

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☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Mar 25, 1998

☐ This action is **FINAL**.

☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire three month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claims

☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.

☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.

☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some* ☒ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
☐ received.

☒ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) 09/047,348.

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

☒ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 4

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority based on an application filed in 3/25/98 on 3/24/97. It is noted, however, that applicant has not filed a certified copy of the 9-069850 Japan application as required by 35 U.S.C. 119(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

3. Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipate by Huemoeller et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5, 855,006).

3. Claims 1, 11 and 21: Huemoeller discloses an information processing method, an apparatus, and computer-readable storage medium comprising:

determination means for determining whether a predetermined notification condition can be satisfied (Col. 2, lines 12-60); and

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notification means for notifying a user of a pending undertaking when it is ascertained by said determination means that the notification condition can be satisfied (Col. 2, lines 61-67, and Col. 3, lines 1-20).

Claims 2 and 12: Huemoeller discloses an information processing method and apparatus according to claims 1 and 11, wherein the predetermined notification condition is information concerning time (Col. 4, lines 17-29).

Claims 3 and 13: Huemoeller discloses an information processing method and apparatus according to claims 2 and 12, wherein the predetermined notification condition is a difference between an affective time for the pending undertaking and the current time (Col. 4, lines 55-63).

Claims 4 and 14: Huemoeller discloses an information processing method and apparatus according to claims 3 and 13, wherein the notification means includes decision means for designating the contents of a notification in consonance with a value obtained for the difference (Col. 4, lines 63-65).

Claims 5 and 15: Huemoeller discloses an information processing method and apparatus according to claims 1 and 11, wherein the predetermined notification condition is a time at which a user leaves his seat (Col. 4, lines 30-31).

Claims 6, 7, 16 and 17: Huemoeller discloses an information processing method and apparatus according to claims 1 and 11, wherein the predetermined notification condition is information concerning a location, and is a correlation of a scheduled location for the pending undertaking and a destination of the user (Col. 2, lines 37-45).

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Claims 8 and 18: Huemoeller discloses an information processing method and apparatus according to claims 1 and 11, wherein the predetermined notification condition is information concerning a person (Col. 9, lines 17-20).

Claims 9 and 19: Huemoeller discloses an information processing method and apparatus according to claims 8 and 18, wherein the predetermined notification condition is a correlation of a person concerned with the pending undertaking and a person whom the user is going to meet (Col. 9, lines 20-30).

Claims 10 and 20: Huemoeller discloses an information processing method and apparatus according to claims 1 and 11, wherein the predetermined notification condition is an updating of a schedule (Col. 7, lines 1-8).

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Exr. Pedro R. Kanof whose telephone number is (703) 308-9552. The examiner can normally be reached on weekdays from 6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Allen R. MacDonald, can be reached on (703) 305-9708. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 308-1396.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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